

gomery County or being a university professor, but it is the literal truth, and I should like to put it in the record.

*(Applause.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Any other announcements?

As indicated earlier, the formal ceremony of signing of the document will take place at noon on Wednesday. So far as I know, there are no other resolutions to be offered at that time except one, and that is a resolution of appreciation to Delegate Tawes for all he has done in the area of constitutional revision. That is being presented separately on that day.

If there are any oversights or omissions, I sincerely trust that you will make it your business to telephone me, or my secretary, or Mr. Brooks, immediately, because the last chance of curing any oversights, omissions or defects will be on Wednesday. After the ceremony the Convention will adjourn sine die.

I have told you before, I think that we are planning to have printed a limited number of large copies of the constitution, by which I mean the kind on 9 by 12 parchment with large print, exact duplicates of the original, for the delegates, so that every delegate will receive one.

I cannot be sure at the moment that they will be available for you Wednesday, but they will be very shortly thereafter, if not on Wednesday.

Only one copy will be signed, this on the advice of Dr. Radoff of the Hall of Records who urges that there not be a duplicate signed, so that there never exists the slightest doubt as to which is the original Constitution.

There will be a ceremony. It is a solemn occasion. It should move off with dispatch and dignity. The accommodations will be crowded, therefore, the number of guests we can have in the chamber is very, very limited. We cannot have the number we had on opening day. We will have to have the table in the well of the chamber, and we want delegates to be able to sign without being jostled and crowded, and to have their photograph taken at the moment of signing.

The signing will be alphabetical. We will simply go right down the row, one after the other, in the alphabetical sequence.

The urgency is for all of us to be here, and to be here certainly in your seats

shortly before 12:00 o'clock, so that we do not have the slightest hitch.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: Mr. President, if you will permit me for just one moment, speaking for myself and I believe for all of us here, I thank God that we have been permitted to participate in this, the greatest exercise in democracy.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other announcements?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Beachley.

DELEGATE BEACHLEY: A while ago they mentioned there was going to be a picture taken down in the Style Committee's room, and we should have our grammar books there.

I would like to ask Mr. President if he has any grammar books, as the books on punctuation which belong to the Grammar Society of Hagerstown are back in Washington, and we do not have them here any longer.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other announcements?

Delegate Stern.

DELEGATE STERN: I have been asked to make a request of you. That is, if you would consider on the signing if we would reverse the alphabetical order on that day?

THE PRESIDENT: We might consider reversing at least the order of signing, since the names will appear in alphabetical order. It might be well worthwhile to permit Delegate Winslow as the oldest Delegate to sign first.

We will take that into consideration.

Are there any other announcements?

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move we adjourn until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 10.

THE PRESIDENT: All in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

*(Whereupon, at 6:50 P.M., the Convention was adjourned to reconvene at 12:00 NOON on Wednesday, January 10, 1968.)*